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Workshop Motivation and Objectives

TMDL Implementation Workshop for
Local Governments
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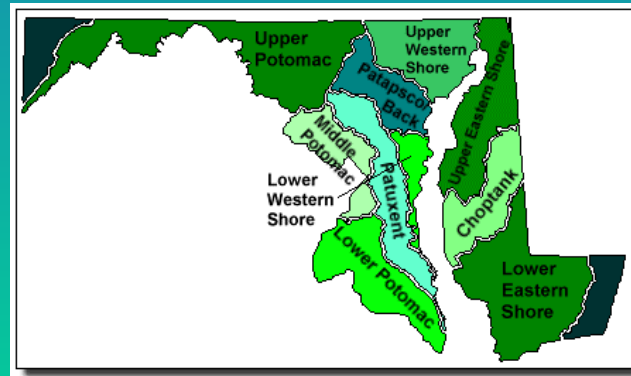
Workshop Motivations

- To protect and restore the waters of the State we need to develop a context and framework for continuing dialog and information exchange.
- There are many unanswered questions for all of us. This is still a “new” program in many respects.
- The recognition that successful solutions will need to be jointly developed with those who will need to implement them.



Workshop Motivations

- Moving from the initial stage of developing TMDLs toward the need to implement those that are completed.
- Coordination with Tributary Strategies and the implications for implementation of TMDLs.
 - Nearly 100 TMDLs completed with about 260 left from the 1998 list; new TMDLs are added each biennium.
 - Basin strategies to be completed by year's end.





Workshop Motivations

- EPA's 2002 Memo on TMDLs & Stormwater raises many questions both for TMDL development and implementation.
- Linkage of TMDLs to Land Use Planning expressed in 2003 Letter to Local Elected Officials
 - The sooner we incorporate water quality concerns and TMDLs into our planning, the easier (less expensive) it will be to achieve water quality goals.



Workshop Objectives

- Provide a Interim Conceptual Framework for implementation
- Provide a broad perspective
- Think About Accounting for Pollutants - Tracking
 - Reducing Current Excesses
 - Off-Setting New Sources
- Learn from Other National Examples
- Address Relationship to Tributary Strategies
- Listen to your Questions & Suggestions
- Commit to a Joint Effort to Develop Interim Guidance, and Begin that Dialogue Today.

Questions!

